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SUBJ: EC LETTER ON AGRICULTURAL QR CONSULTATIONS

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER TO AMB WALKER FROM LUYTEN
DATED SEPT 15. OUR INFORMAL TRANSLATION IS IN PARA 2
BELOW. I WANT TO CONSULT WITH AMB WALKER UPON HIS RETURN
TO GENEVA TOMORROW BEFORE COMMENTING ON THIS MATTER.
BEGIN TEXT

PAR LETTRE EN DATE DU 4 AOUT 1976, LE SECRETARIAT DU GATT M'A
FAIT PARVENIR LES DEMANDES DE CONSULTATIONS ADRESSEES PAR VOTRE
DELEGATION A CERTAINS ETATS MEMBRES DES COMMUNAUTES EUROPEENNES
CONCERNANT CERTAINES MESURES APPLICABLES A L'IMPORTATION DE
PRODUITS AGRICULES.

JE ME PERMETS D'ATTIRER VOTRE ATTENTION SUR LE FAIT QUE
S'AGISSANT DE QUESTION ENTRANT DANS LE CADRE DES NEGOCIATIONS
COMMERCIALES MULTILATERALES, C'EST LA COMMISSION AGISSANT AU
NOM DES COMMUNAUTES EUROPEENNES QUI EST COMPETENTE EN LA
MATIERE.

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DANS VOS LETTRES, VOUS SOULIGNEZ QUE CERTAINES QUESTIONS ONT

DEJA FAIT L'OBJECT DE NOTIFICATIONS AU TITRE DE LA PROCEDURE ARRETEE PAR LE SOUS-GROUPE "RESTRICTIONS QUANTITATIVES" ET QUE LES PRESENTES NOTIFICATIONS, LIMITEES A CERTAINES MESURES, NE SIGNIFIENT PAS DE LA PART DE VOTRE DELEGATION UN MANQUE D'INTERET POUR D'AUTRES MESURES. J'AIMERAIS VOUS RAPPELER A CET EGARD LA LETTRE DU 7 JUILLET 1975 PAR LAQUELLE LA COMMUNAUTE VOUS INDIQUAIT QU'EN CE QUI CONCERNE LES PRODUITS AGRICOLES CEUX-CE RELEVANT DE PROCEDURES A CONVENIR PAR LE "GROUPE AGRICULTURE".

VOUS EVOQUEZ EGALEMENT DANS CES LETTRES LA QUESTION DES RAPPORTS A ETABLIR ET CELLE DE LEUR COMMUNICATION AUX AUTRES GROUPES ET SOUS-GROUPES DE NEGOCIATION. LE POINT DE VUE DE MA DELEGATION EST QU'IL N'EST PAS CONCEVABLE QUE CETTE QUESTION SOIT LAISSEE A LA DISCRETION DE CHACUNE DES DELEGATIONS. ELLE DOIT ETRE PORTEE A L'ATTENTION DU "GROUPE AGRICULTURE" POUR Y ETRE REGLEE.

DANS CETTE SITUATION, LA COMMUNAUTE EST DISPOSEE A TENIR LES CONSULTATIONS QUE VOUS AVEZ DEMANDEES A LA DATE QUI VOUS PARAITRA LA PLUS APPROPRIEE. MA DELEGATION AIMERAIT SAVOIR PAR AILLEURS QUELLE SUITE VOUS ENTENDEZ DONNER A LA DEMANDE DE CONSULTATIONS QUE LA COMMUNAUTE A ADRESSEE A VOTRE DELEGATION LE 8 AVRIL DERNIER PAR L'ENTREMISE DU SECRETARIAT DU GATT.

VEUILLEZ AGREER, MONSIEUR L'AMBASSADEUR, LES ASSURANCES DE MA HAUTE CONSIDERATION. END TEXT

2. MTN DEL INFORMAL TRANSLATION: BEGIN: INFORMAL TRANSLATION)

BY LETTER DATED AUGUST 4, 1976, THE GATT SECRETARIAT SENT ME THE REQUESTS FOR CONSULTATIONS ADDRESSED BY YOUR DELEGATION TO CERTAIN MEMBER STATES OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES CONCERNING CERTAIN MEASURES APPLICABLE TO THE IMPORTATION OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS.

I WISH TO CALL YOUR ATTENTION TO THE FACT THAT CONCERNING QUESTION WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS, IT IS THE COMMISSION ACTING IN THE NAME OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES WHICH IS COMPETENT IN THE MATTER.

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IN YOUR LETTERS, YOU UNDERLINE THAT CERTAIN QUESTIONS HAVE ALREADY BEEN THE OBJECT OF NOTIFICATIONS BY VIRTUE OF THE PROCEDURE ADOPTED BY THE "QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS" SUB-GROUP AND THAT THE PRESENT NOTIFICATIONS, LIMITED TO CERTAIN MEASURES, DO NOT SIGNIFY A LACK OF INTEREST IN OTHER MEASURES ON THE PART OF YOUR DELEGATION. I SHOULD LIKE TO RECALL, IN THIS CONNECTION, THE LETTER OF JULY 7, 1975, BY

WHICH THE COMMUNITY INDICATED TO YOU THAT WITH REGARD TO AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS THESE DEPEND ON PROCEDURES TO BE AGREED ON BY "GROUP AGRICULTURE."

YOU ALSO EVOKE IN THESE LETTERS THE QUESTION OF REPORTS TO BE PREPARED AND THE QUESTION OF THEIR COMMUNICATION TO OTHER NEGOTIATING GROUPS AND SUB-GROUPS. THE POINT OF VIEW OF MY DELEGATION IS THAT IT IS UNTHINKABLE THAT THIS QUESTION BE LEFT TO THE DISCRETION OF EACH OF THE DELEGATIONS. IT MUST BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE "GROUP AGRICULTURE" TO BE RESOLVED.

IN THIS SITUATION, THE COMMUNITY IS PREPARED TO HOLD THE CONSULTATIONS WHICH YOU HAVE REQUESTED ON A DATE WHICH WOULD BE MOST APPROPRIATE FOR YOU. MY DELEGATION WOULD LIKE TO KNOW FURTHERMORE WHAT FOLLOW-UP YOU EXPECT TO GIVE TO THE REQUEST FOR CONSULTATIONS WHICH THE COMMUNITY ADDRESSED TO YOUR DELEGATION LAST APRIL 8 THROUGH THE GATT SECRETARIAT.

PLEASE ACCEPT, MR. AMBASSADOR, THE ASSURANCES OF MY HIGH CONSIDERATION. P. LUYTEN END TEXT CULBERT

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